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The Roll of Office Holders of the Past and Present.

Those Who Have Been Honored by the People of Crittenden County.

COUNTY ELECTIONS, 1851-1854.

The Democratic party had numbered the Whigs at the formation of the county, but so little interest was manifested in politics and for lack of organization, the officers were often filled by Whigs. Primary elections and county committees were unknown. The field was open to anyone who wished to test his running qualities, therefore, there were often as many as a dozen aspirants for the same office, and sometimes one candidate ran for two or three different offices, at the same election. This may seem strange to one reared in the age of party organization and partisan politics. But such was the case at the early election held in the county.

The first election held under the constitution of 1850 was in May 1851.

The candidates for County Judge were D. W. Carter and Samuel L. Phillips. Democrat. M. A. Shanks, Whig. D. W. Carter was elected by a handsome plurality.

Candidates for County Clerk were W. H. Brant, R. G. Stewart Democrats; B. S. Young, B. L. Bigham Whigs. B. S. Young was elected.

For Circuit Clerk, R. G. Stewart, T. L. B. Wilson, Democrat; R. L. Bigham, Whig. Mr. Stewart was chosen from large plurality.

For Sheriff, M. B. Hayes, Jas. Davall, Chas. Nunn, J. W. Rutherford, Democrat. This contest was rather spirited, but M. B. Hayes was elected.

Summer Marble, a Whig, was elected County Attorney without opposition.

A. J. Brasher, a Democrat, was elected Assessor over Jas. S. Fowler, Whig.

J. H. Bruff, Whig, was elected Jailer, over David Long.

Thos. M. Davall, Democrat, was elected Surveyor, over G. C. Rose, Whig.

Andrew Franklin, Whig, was elected Coroner over Wm. Higgin, Dr. M. Bustow, Democrats, and G. W. Grubbs, Col. C. Lockette.

1852.

M. B. Hayes was re-elected Sheriff this year, defeating Jas. Davall, Democrat.

At December term County Court 1854 Mr. Hayes resigned and J. H. Walker was appointed.

1854.

This year the Presidential contest infused some life into the county election. The following ticket was elected. (Please note that the first named was elected, and those following were the opponents.) "W" stands for Whig, "D" for Democrat, "K" for know-nothing, and "Un" for union man or conservative Democrat.

County Judge—J. W. McCollum, Dr. J. C. Elder, Dr. majority small.

County Clerk—B. S. Young, W. J. C. Jones, D. W. Carter, majority small.

County Attorney—N. R. Black, R. L. Bigham, Whigs; majority large.

Sheriff—J. H. Walker, D. Predey, Cruse, D. E. R. Pickering, W. J. Yandell, M. V. Regdale, W. J. H. Braff, W. W. C. Carnahan, D.

Surveyor—Thos. M. Davall, D. no opposition.

Assessor—Wm. Higgin, Dr. J. W. Jenkins, Dr. A. H. Bell, D. Comer, M. G. Gilbert, Dr. J. L. Paris, W.

1856.

Circuit Clerk—Singleton Hodge, D. over R. F. Hayes, know-nothing. J. H. Walker was elected Sheriff with out opposition.

1856.

This contest was between the Democrats and Know-nothings; the Democrats succeeded in electing all but Sheriff and County Clerk.

County Judge—D. W. Carter, Dr. H. H. Hayes, Kn. maj large.

B. S. Young, Kn. J. C. Jones, Dr. maj. small.

County Attorney—R. G. Stewart, Dr. no opposition.

Assessor—A. H. Bell, Dr. John Marr, Kn.

Comer—Jas. M. Gilbert, Dr. J. L. Paris, Kn.

1860.

J. A. Yandell, Kn. over H. M. Cook, D.

1862.

The Republican party dominated in this election. The polls at most points were under supervision of Union troops; hence the Southern rights citizens very properly refrained from voting.

The following ticket was elected, all Republicans:

County Judge, Dr. J. C. Elder.

County Clerk, B. S. Young.

County Attorney, R. F. Haynes.

Circuit Clerk, J. H. Walker, uniu man.

Sheriff, J. N. Flanagan.

Jailer, J. W. Adams over J. C. Henson, Rep.

Surveyor, Geo. P. Wilson.

Assessor, P. L. H. Walker.

J. M. Gilbert, uniu man.

Dr. Elder resigned as Jailer and N. R. Black was elected to fill vacancy.

1864.

J. W. Flanagan was elected Sheriff.

1866.

This contest was very bitter, but the war being over and the troops disbanded, the majority again asserted itself.

The Democrats elected the principal offices.

The officers were as follows:

County Judge—S. W. McCollum.

D. over Jno D. Gregory, maj. large.

County Clerk, J. C. Jones, Dr. B. S. Young, Rep. S. W. Patterson, Rep.

County Attorney—Warner Wagner but was never qualified.

Sheriff—W. C. Carnahan, Dr. E. Gregory, D.

Jailer, G. H. Hammond, D.

Assessor—Jno T. Yates, Rep.

Coroner—J. J. Fritts, Rep.

Although Mr. Jones was elected the examining board, threw out Bell's Mines predictor, which gave the certificate of election to Young. A contest was filed by Jones, whereupon Young resigned and was appointed to serve one year.

1867.

An election was held this year to fill vacancies in the offices of County Clerk and County Attorney.

Singleton Hodge, D. was elected.

County Attorney over N. R. Black, Rep.

1868.

R. W. Wilson, D. was elected Sheriff over B. S. Young, Rep.

1870.

This election was closely contested, the canvas was thorough, and both parties put forth their most popular men. But the Democrats triumphed by electing the four principal officers. The ticket was as follows:

For County Judge D. W. Carter was called forth for the third term.

His opponent was N. R. Black, Rep.

For county clerk, J. C. Jones was elected over B. S. Young, Rep.

For Sheriff, B. N. Walker, D. reelected over G. W. Nesbit, Rep.

For County Attorney, J. R. Finley, D. over W. Wagner, Rep.

Jailer, J. B. Crayne, D. over Jack Wyatt, Rep.

Surveyor, W. J. Larne, Rep.

Assessor, Jno T. Yates, Rep.

Coroner, E. R. Hill, Dem.

1872.

J. H. Cameron, Rep., was elected Sheriff over T. T. Barnett, D. contested close.

1874.

The campaign of 1874 was very quiet compared with the preceding one, but the vote was much closer than was expected. The result was:

County Judge—T. J. Nunn, D. over T. J. Yandell, this was the closest race of the election. Woods maj. only 23.

J. W. Blue, Jr., was chosen County Attorney over S. H. Dodge, Ind. Dem., by a large majority.

1875.

J. A. Moore was re-elected County Judge over J. G. Rochester, maj. 125.

D. Woods was elected for the fourth term as County Clerk, over T. J. Yandell, this was the closest race of the election. Woods maj. only 23.

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1876.

A. L. Cruse was elected Sheriff over J. H. Walker, D.

Sheriff—R. A. Dowell, D. over T. H. Dickerson, Rep.

county clerk—J. C. Jones, D. over T. J. Elder, Rep.

circuit clerk—W. J. L. Hughes, Rep. over J. H. Walker, D.

Rep. over J. H. Walker, D.

Rep. over A. D. Dowell, D. over T. H. Dickerson, Rep.

1877.

W. J. Larne, Rep. defeated W. J. Delose, Rep. over T. F. Newsom, maj. 61.

J. M. McCallum was elected Assessor over T. A. Rankin, majority 46.

A Towery, Kn., was elected Surveyor over J. L. Bugg, maj. small.

W. L. Cook was chosen Jailer over W. H. Wilson, Rep. maj. large.

W. L. Cook was appointed to fill the vacancy until the election in 1871, when he was elected Jailer over Jas. E. Boston by a large majority.

1878.

This year R. A. Dowell was replaced Sheriff over F. N. Wilson, Rep. by a large maj.

J. C. Jones died on Jan 8th 1877 and W. H. Bigham was appointed to serve as County Clerk until the ensuing election, when Bigham was elected to the lower House of the General Assembly. His opponent was R. A. Walker, Dem.. The contest was close, majority 16.

1879.

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1889.

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1891.

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1892.

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1893.